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Weekly Newsletter

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

The Rosary Trust

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30AM UNTIL 4:PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that these six weeks have flown by and that we are already at the end of this half-term. As we head into spring and hopefully the warmer months, please do take a moment to look at our uniform policy if you are thinking of purchasing summer uniform.

Please note that girls are not expected to wear cycling shorts under dresses. However, if you would like your daughter to wear them, they must be white or flesh-coloured and not longer than the skirt. Girls also have the option of wearing playsuits.School-Uniform-Policy-2025.pdf

A reminder that ankle boots are only permitted when the pavements are icy or for medical reasons. Otherwise, we expect children to wear school shoes. Trainers are to be worn on PE days only.

As mentioned last week, the children have been learning about how to use the internet safely, with a particular focus on AI technologies. It was amazing to see how much our pupils – including the very youngest – already knew about AI. Further to the flyer below, please do take a look at the parent support available at Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

Warmest wishes and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Headteacher

Notices

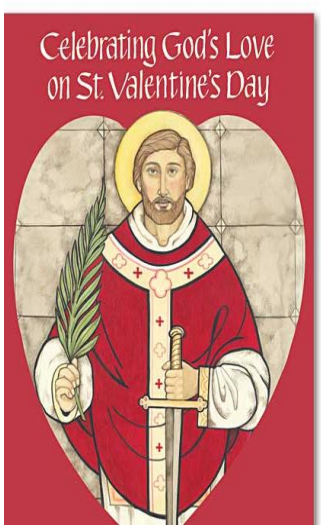
- SEND local area roadshow for parents in Chelmsford 11/03/26 for details visit Local Offer Roadshow, Mid Essex | Essex Local Offer
- Ash Wednesday masses at OLI 9am and 7.30pm 18/02/26

Catholic life of the school





Thought for the weekend!

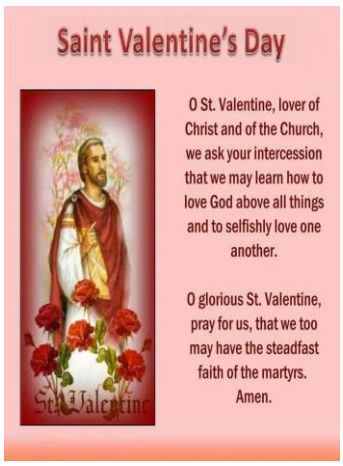


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter
Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Our Virtues



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

FEBRUARY 2026	
Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th	Half-term
Monday, 23rd	Friends Association meeting - online
Wednesday, 25th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am in the church
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday, 4th	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Thursday, 5th	World Book Day
Wednesday, 11th	Reception class and Year 6 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 13th	Friends Association Mother's Day gift sale
Monday, 16th	Reception class - Mother's Day Assembly - 9.15am (reception class parents welcome)
Tuesday, 17th	Year 2 - Infant Music Festival (9.15am-12pm)
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 trip to Down House Year 1 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 20th	Friends Association Talent Show
Wednesday, 25th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 27th	Last day of Spring term
APRIL 2026	
Monday, 13th	First day of Summer term
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum Year 4 St. George's Day assembly - 2.45pm (year 4 parents welcome)
Tuesday, 28th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall Year 2 - 3Tees sports
MAY 2026	
Thursday, 14th	Year 2 trip to Osea View Beach
Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th	Half-term
JUNE 2026	
Monday, 1st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo Year 3 - Fitness 3s
Monday, 15th - Wednesday, 17th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor

JUNE 2026 cont…	
Tuesday, 16th	Year 4 - History off the Page, day in the life of an ancient Egyptian
Tuesday, 23rd	Year 5 - Food and Farming Day at Writtle College
Thursday, 25th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum
Monday, 29th	Year 2 - Mini Games
JULY 2026	
Thursday, 2nd	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust retreat day to St. Joseph's, Harwich
Friday, 3rd	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13TH FEBRUARY

(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	BECKET	FISHER	BECKET
1st (322)	2nd(341)	3rd (305)	4th (290)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 13th February 2026

(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Reception	Lucja	Rowan
Year 1	Isla-Mae	Londi
Year 2	Finley	Serin
Year 3	TJ	Daisy
Year 4	Aidan	Marika
Year 5	Esme	Peter
Year 6	Sienna	Julian

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th February 2026

Reception	Lilia	Awura
Year 1	Charlotte	Chizi
Year 2	Oliver B	Stephen
Year 3	Annie	Lewis
Year 4	Alexander	Emily
Year 5	Jocelyn	Ayden
Year 6	Lachlan	Keva

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any paret have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mrs Gibbs** or the Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Daley.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

"Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening."

Child Protection & Safeguarding

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK



23.02.26 – 27.02.26

After School



Wednesday, 25th February – Hama beads from 3.30pm

Friends Association News

Friends meeting
Monday 23rd February 7pm, further details to follow Our Big Lent Reading Challenge!

Lent sponsored reading
This Lent, our pupils are setting out on an inspiring and exciting journey - a commitment to read every single day for 40 days!

Lent is a special time in our Catholic school calendar, when we reflect, grow, and challenge ourselves to become the best versions of who we can be. Instead of giving something up, our pupils are taking something amazing on - building on a daily habit of reading that will open doors to imagination, knowledge, confidence, and lifelong learning.

From thrilling adventures and magical worlds to fascinating facts and inspiring stories, our children will be turning pages every day throughout Lent. We are asking our wonderful community to cheer them on by sponsoring their dedication and determination.

Every donation will help us transform our school in ways that continue to benefit every child. The most avid readers will also have a chance to win afternoon tea with Mrs Gibbs to celebrate the end of lent.

By sponsoring our challenge, you are not just donating - you are helping to spark imaginations, nurture faith through perseverance and commitment, and create readers for life.

Let's make this Lent a journey filled with stories, discovery, and achievement. Thank you for supporting our pupils as they read their way through Lent - one page at a time!
Please donate and share the link with your family and friends.
https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/olireadforlent

OLI's Got Talent is BACK!
The stage is set, the spotlight is waiting… and we're looking for this year's stars! OLI's Got Talent returns to the school hall on Friday 20th March, and we want performers from all year groups to take part.

Singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, plate spinners - whatever your talent, this is your moment to shine! Enter as a solo act or team up with friends for a group performance. Our judges will be ready (don't worry — no Simon Cowells here!), and trophies will be awarded to the most show-stopping acts of the night.

Mandatory rehearsal: Thursday 19th March (after school)
Live show: Friday 20th March, 6:00pm – approx. 8:30pm, school hall
Don't miss your chance to take the stage - sign up now!
Application form: https://form.jotform.com/260394464834060
Deadline for applications: Friday 27th February

Many thanks
The Friends Association

PE TIMETABLE – SPRING TERM 2

The PE sports and days for Spring 2 are as follows:

Year 1	Athletics (outdoors) on Wednesdays and Gymnastics (indoors) on Mondays
Year 2	Cricket (outdoors) on Tuesdays and Gymnastics (indoors) on Wednesdays
Year 3	Athletics (outdoors) on Wednesdays and Gymnastics (indoors) on Fridays
Year 4	Football (outdoors) on Tuesdays and Gymnastics (indoors) on Fridays
Year 5	Rugby (outdoors) on Mondays and Swimming on Fridays
Year 6	Rounders (outdoors) on Tuesdays and Gymnastics (indoors) on Fridays

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 23rd February– Week 1

Please refer to the menus on the website so the children are aware of the daily options so they know what to choose when asked by their teacher. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6) dinners need to be paid for in advance.

Is your child eligible for this award – Free School Meals?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:



- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) Universal Credit.**

Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Attendance Data

94% and below	**94% - 96.9%**	**97% and above**
	Last week % 02.02.96 – 06.02.26	This week % 09.02.26 – 13.02.26
Reception	98.3%	90.7%
Year 1	92.8%	91.3%
Year 2	96.7%	92.3%
Year 3	94.5%	97%
Year 4	98.1%	93.1%
Year 5	97.2%	96.6%
Year 6	95.9%	99.4%
Whole School Total	96.2%	94.4%

Congratulations to Years 3 & 6 for being 97% and above. The aim of the attendance chart is for all classes to achieve green.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a legal attendance letter as per the Attendance Policy.

Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy Notices' or call 01245 353 755 if you are unable to access the internet.

Safer Internet Day: A Guide for Parents

Top tips for parents and carers:

What helps most in practice includes:

- Regular, interested conversations about children's online activities.
- Adults showing curiosity and engaging with games alongside children.
- Clear understanding of personal information and safe chatting.
- Agreed rules around spending and knowing when real money is involved.
- Reassurance to share worries such as upsetting content or mean behaviour.
- Confidence using block and report tools.
- Active use of safety settings and parental controls.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-forparents-and-carers

Parent/Carer Area - eSafety Training

Top tips for children and young people:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-foryoung-people

More information:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026

Roblox-specific information:

https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age

Download editable safety settings table for Roblox:

https://6282.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Roblox+Safer+settings+January+2026.docx

Report any concerns to CEOP: (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command)

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/